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§18–214.2.

(a) (1) In this section, “public institution of higher education” means:

(i) A public senior higher education institution, as defined in § 10–101 of the Education Article; and

(ii) A community college.

(2) A public institution of higher education does not include an institution without residential housing or a health center.

(b) (1) On or before August 1 each year, beginning in 2021, each public institution of higher education shall submit an outbreak response plan to the Department.

(2) If there is an outbreak of a contagious disease at a public institution of higher education, the public institution of higher education shall implement the outbreak response plan required under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(c) The outbreak response plan required under subsection (b) of this section shall be customized to the public institution of higher education and include:

(1) A process for expediently notifying students, families of students, faculty, and staff of:

(i) The outbreak of a contagious disease;

(ii) Subpopulations that are at high risk of severe complications from the contagious disease;

(iii) Guidance on how students, families of students, faculty, and staff can take reasonable protective measures; and

(iv) Information on the availability of laboratory testing for students, faculty, and staff;

(2) Processes for implementing evidence-based outbreak response measures;

(3) The provision of staff to successfully implement the outbreak response plan during an outbreak of a contagious disease at the public institution of higher education;

(4) A process for reporting an outbreak of a contagious disease at the public institution of higher education to:

- (i) The Department;
- (ii) The local health department;
- (iii) Campus health providers;
- (iv) Local community health providers; and
- (v) Regional hospitals; and

(5) Any other measure required by the Department.

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